



FINANCE COMMITTEE 2022 MAR -8 | PM 3: 13

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Finance Committee public meeting minutes of Wednesday, January 19, 2022 approved on Saturday, March 05, 2022

Finance Committee
Virtual Public Meeting via Zoom Webinar
30 Providence Road, Grafton, MA 01519
Webinar ID: 824 9247 5775
Passcode: 241431
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Minutes

Public Meeting of the Finance Committee

The public meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Mark W. Haddad at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call attendance

All votes will be taken by roll call at this public meeting.

Finance Committee

Present: Mark W. Haddad, Dan Cusher, Angelina Correia, Andy Jefferson, Greg Marr, Heather McCue, Sue Robbins, Barry Smith.

Absent: No Finance Committee members absent

Others present: Town Administrator, Evan Brassard and Finance Director, Mary Lauria.

Appointment Committee update to fill the Finance Committee Vacancy

The Appointment Committee of the Finance Committee was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chair Dawn Anderson. Following discussion by committee members present, John Roger Currier, Jr. was voted as member of the Finance Committee representing Precinct I with a Term Expiration date of 6/30/2022.

Schedule of Finance Committee meeting dates:

Presentation date of the proposed FY23 budget

The Town Administrator Evan Brassard stated that he is prepared for the date of Wednesday, February 09, 2022 at 7:00 PM for presenting the proposed operating and capital budgets for FY23 to the Finance Committee and Select Board.

School Department Budget

The Town Administrator stated that he and Finance Director Mary Lauria met with the School Department this morning to review the School Department's budget for FY23.

There will be some scaling back and honing in of figures.

The Town Administrator stated that the overall budget is in good shape at this point in time.

Revenue Estimates

Meals Tax

Reflects an increase from the Estimates in the 2nd quarter.

Marijuana Tax

Since there is no track record for Grafton relative to Marijuana, the budget reflects the minimum contribution allowed of \$120,000.00

State Level

To date there are no final numbers from the State.

Budget dates for departmental reviews

At this time, Per the Town Administrator, the March meeting dates for budget review need to be planned via Zoom.

Draft review of department correspondence with meeting dates and draft agenda for budget reviews.

Finance Committee members received the information for budget reviews and finalized their department assignments.

Finance Committee Vacancy on the Economic Development Commission

The Select Board voted to adjust the charge of the EDC indicating that the committee needs a different representation on the Commission excluding 1 member of the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee member Sue Robbins stated that she thinks they are making a wrong decision.

Chair Mark W. Haddad stated that he will follow up with the Select Board to confirm their decision to eliminate a Finance Committee representative.

Minutes

November 17, 2021 Minutes for approval

December 13, 2021 Minutes for approval

December 21, 2021 Minutes for approval

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee approve the minutes of November 17, 2021, December 13, 2021 and December 21, 2021 as amended.

Seconded: Barry Smith. All in favor. Motion carries.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mark W. Haddad, Dan Cusher, Angelina Correia, Andy Jefferson, Greg Marr, Heather McCue, Sue Robbins, Barry Smith.

Adjournment

Finance Committee Chair Mark W. Haddad adjourned the public meeting of the Finance Committee at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Fiacco